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 Zdravko PALUNCIC : **Mail Stop: PCT**  
 Serial No. 10/530,652 : **Attorney Docket No. 2005\_0204A**  
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**REPLY TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**  
**UNDER 35 USC 371**

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Sir:

In response to the PTO Notification of Missing Requirements dated September 8, 2005, submitted herewith are replacement drawings for Figs. 1-3 (2 sheets). The text in the drawings have now been properly translated.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now complete, and early indication thereof is now requested.

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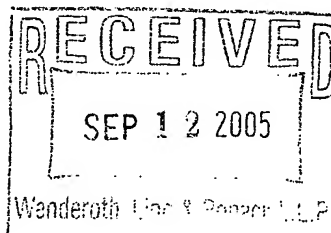
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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 04/07/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 04/07/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 04/07/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 04/07/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 04/07/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 04/07/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 04/07/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 04/07/2005
- Assignment filed on 04/07/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 04/07/2005

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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Translation of the application into English. The current translation of the application into English is defective as described below. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
  - The text in the drawings has not been properly translated.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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